Outhouses in Lehi By Judy Hansen

After our meeting I talked with my mother. She is 89. She told me there was a WPA (works project) during the depression and the government paid to have outhouses built here in Lehi. This was under the direction of President Franklin Roosevelt.

She said a year after she and dad got married they came and rebuilt their outhouse. This would have been in 1941 or 1942. I asked her how they determined who they would build an outhouse for. She said they went and built outhouses in Lehi for everyone that didn't have them first. Mom and dad had one but it was in bad repair so they re-built it for them.

She also said that Grandpa Pete Hansen didn't move his outhouse. He didn't have a hole dug in the ground. He had a hinge on the back and every other day he would go out and shovel it out and throw it in the pig pin. She said he did that for years. I don't know if other people did that or not. This was quite common for the time.